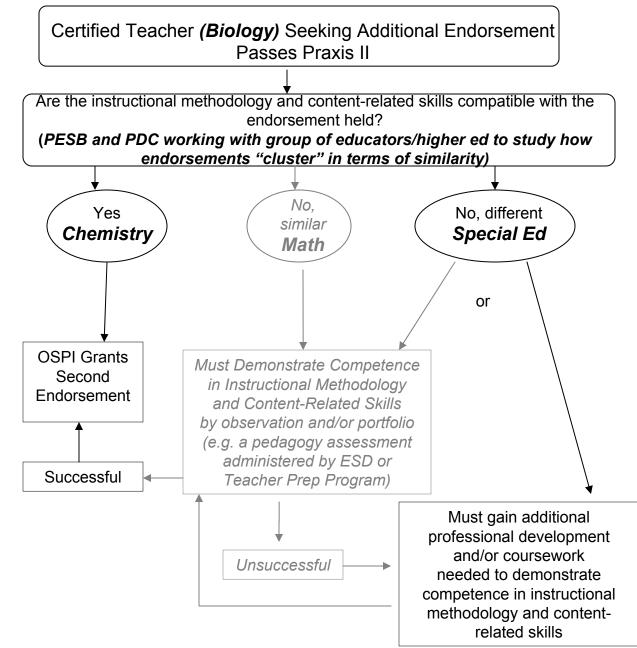
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Benefits to model:

- •Increases access and opportunity via alternative routes to earning additional endorsements.
- •Field-based assessment / portfolio review would be fee-based; potentially much less costly than college/university courses and credits
- •Field-based assessment/portfolio review could be conducted by either higher ed programs or trained ESD staff
- •Teachers assigned out of endorsement can be working toward adding endorsement in context of job
- •Skills and knowledge needed to gain endorsement could be acquired through a variety of professional development experiences.
- •Could be focus of "core" activities for professional certificate or focus of professional growth plan for certificate renewal.
- •Recognizes prior learning and experience
- •Most important helps ensure teachers have subject matter expertise – crucial to student learning
- •Informs professional development opportunities offered by ESDs



PESB study will be submitted with recommendations to the SBE in Fall 2003